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Lou Piniella  
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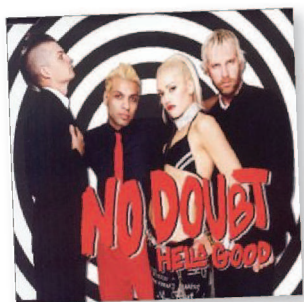
It's 1 followed by 27 zeros—a ridiculously large number that a physics major in California is trying to get recognized as "hella."

### DEFINITION

“Hella,” a term many Californians find as irritating as teary-eyed renditions of “I Left My Heart in San Francisco,” is used mainly to make adjectives more intense, as in: “This lentil pizza is hella healthful!” It also can convey simple exuberance: “That party at Sunshine’s house? Hella!”

## HISTORY

"Hella" probably derived from "helluva" and, for reasons unknown, morphed into "hella" in the Bay Area before taking wing in the 1990s. In 2001, Gwen Stefani and her band No Doubt—out of Orange County—took it national with their mega-hit "Hella Good."



## QUOTABLE

“Anything that takes vernacular speech and treats it well—gives it its props—is fine with me.”

—CARMEN FOUGHT, A PROFESSOR  
AT PITZER COLLEGE IN CLAREMONT, CALIF.

# That's huge

## California college student wants scientists to take up 'hella' as a way to describe insanely large number

**L.A. Times**

When Austin Sendek was growing up in Northern California, he never was allowed to use the regional slang term “hella.”

Now the 20-year-old physics major at UC Davis uses “hella” often—and he’s trying to get scientists from Boise to Beijing to do the same.

Sendek, who was forced to use “hec-  
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national scientific body to make  
“hella” the name for the hith-  
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power—or 1 followed by 27 zeros.

It started as a joke, but Sendek's Facebook petition to the Consultative Committee on Units, a subdivision of the Bureau International des Poids et Mesures, has drawn more than 60,000 supporters.

Its chances for formal adoption by the global weights-and-measures community are hella dim, but Google was so taken with Sendek's modest proposal that it incorporated "hella" in its on-line calculator. "As Google goes," Sendek says hopefully, "so goes the world."

## THE GOOGLE CONNECTION

At Google, software engineers, who are accustomed to planting Easter eggs—hidden delights—in their programs, got wind of “hella” through one of Sendek’s friends and installed it in the service’s calculator. Now users can find out, with a little finagling, that our \$13 trillion national debt, when expressed in hella-dollars, is a pleasingly tiny 1.3 times 10 to the minus 14th

## HOW WOULD IT WORK?

For standards, the world's scientists turn to the Consultative Committee on Units, an advisory body of the International System of Units—which in French, the language of weights and measures, is more stylishly known as the Systeme Internationale, or SI. Hella's chances at the committee's next meeting, in September, are remote.

In an e-mail to colleagues, Ian Mills, the British chemist who serves as the CCU's president, wrote that "it will be received with smiles—but I doubt that it will go further!"



## OTHER BIG-NUMBER PREFIXES

The Systeme Internationale generally chooses prefixes suggested by Greek or Latin. Above 1,000, prefixes are selected at every third power: "mega" for  $10^6$  to the sixth, "giga" for  $10^9$  to the ninth, etc.

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# Vampire love: It's totally hot

I recently lost my mind and subscribed to a trial membership of the Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" crusade. I don't tattoo myself or smoke crack or anything, but I have watched the films, including the most-recent one: "Eclipse."

On Friday night, with my best friends and a theater filled with crying, hyperventilating pre-teens, I caught myself embarrassingly enamored with Edward Cullen and his seemingly old-fashioned sentiments on courtship, sex and marriage.

In short, he wanted to wait to have sexual relations with Bella; she, on the other hand, was more than willing not to. I fell completely and irrevocably in love with the sparkly immortal, for just that moment.

Edward isn't your typical guy. He isn't trying to get you drunk so he can feel you up in the bathroom at John Barleycorn. He doesn't make a move on your friend while you're in the bathroom, thinking, "What a great guy!" He doesn't throw up all over you after he's lost a really excruciating game of beer pong.

Not to say all guys are jerks (except you, John Barleycorn guy) nor should they all be like Edward Cullen. I'm just saying old-fashioned romance shouldn't be a freak thing of the past.

I used to date a guy who told me he wanted to wait before we got too physical. I was intrigued. Was he gay? Was he just not that into me? Actually, he said he wanted us to have a chance at something "special." Too often, he found that jumping into sex too quickly would not lead to a sustained relationship.

I was so turned on by his little speech that I wanted him on top of me immediately. Still, we waited as long as I could: 10 minutes! Reverse psychology works wonders, boys! But he was right. We weren't together very long, and I will always wonder if it's because I wasn't wearing my WWED (What Would Edward Do?) bracelet.

I'm not saying we should all become hyper-conservative and dunk our heads in glitter, but I like dates and taking things slowly. I like first kisses that don't happen in crowded bars and don't taste like PBR. I like knowing where my underwear is at all times.

As I get older, these little things have become much more meaningful to me. I know. I'm even vomiting in my mouth a little. Sorry.

Life isn't the movies. There are no vampires. And Robert Pattinson isn't really as intoxicating in person as he is portrayed in the films (this according to my sister, who has met him). Still, we consume these fantasies as if it's our job.

Perhaps it's OK to make some mistakes once in a while. I think that's what your 20s are for—questioning everything and pretending that you know what's up when, really, you've just lost your mind.

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## IS CHICAGO CRIME GETTING WORSE?

**Despite stats to the contrary, almost half of poll respondents say it is**

### Chicago Tribune

Mack Julion always has been in love with Chicago. A Southwest Side resident, he swore he would never flee to the suburbs, playfully mocking friends as not being “real Chicagoans.”

But now, crime in his neighborhood and across the city has worn that devotion thin.

“I’ve traveled around the country and have always said I wouldn’t consider living anywhere else besides this city,” said Julion, 45. “But I’m to the point now where I’m looking to move out to the suburbs. It’s just getting too crazy here.”

Julion’s sense that Chicago’s crime problem is growing worse is shared by nearly half of the city dwellers who responded to a new poll for Tribune/WGN. But the reality is that overall crime in Chicago is down when compared to last year and homicides are nearly flat, with no significant uptick compared to recent years.

The telephone poll of 800 male and female heads of household from the six-county Chicago area began July 8, one day after Chicago police Officer Thor Soderberg was gunned down in Englewood. A little less than two months earlier, Officer Thomas Wortham IV was killed in Chatham. And on Sunday, four days after the poll was completed,

Officer Michael Bailey was killed outside his Park Manor home.



### WHERE CRIME RANKS

When asked what were the worst things about living in the Chicago area, a majority of respondents—53 percent—said crime. Other high-ranking answers were political corruption, high taxes and cost of living. **TRIBUNE**

Experts agree that these high-profile homicides, coupled with a bad economy and a steady stream of news about shootings, have fed a public perception that crime in Chicago is getting worse. The Market Shares Corp. poll—which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points—found that only 30 percent of Chicagoans feel their neighborhoods are safe.

“Police officers are the embodiment of authority,” said Arthur Lurigio, a professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University Chicago. “When officers are getting shot, that gives citizens a sense that the social order is completely collapsing. The average citizen, the regular guy and woman on the street, are going to think, ‘If they’re shooting police, what chance do I have?’”

Homicides are up less than 1 percent in Chicago compared with last year, according to unofficial crime statistics through Tuesday. There were 245 homicides between January and July 20, two more than the same period last year.

Overall crime, including violent crimes such as criminal sexual assault and robbery, are down, according to official crime statistics through the end of June. For instance, shootings are down slightly compared to January through June of last year.



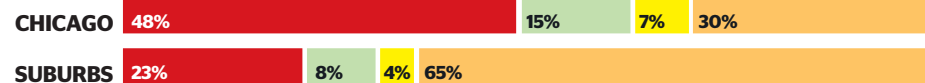
Police investigate the scene where off-duty Chicago police officer Michael Bailey was shot and killed Sunday. **CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE**

## PERCEPTIONS OF CRIME

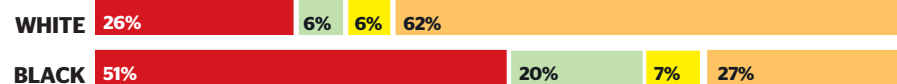
**Q: Do you feel the crime in your neighborhood is getting better or worse?**

Getting worse   Getting better   No opinion   Neighborhood is safe from crime

### BY AREA



### BY RACE



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“I’ve traveled around the country and have always said I wouldn’t consider living anywhere else besides this city. But I’m to the point now where I’m looking to move out to the suburbs. It’s just getting too crazy here.” —**MACK JULION** (left), Chicago resident





## View of safety differs in 'burbs

### Chicago Tribune

Suburban residents have a notably different outlook than city residents when it comes to perceptions of safety. Only 23 percent of people outside the city believe crime is rising, and 65 percent believe their neighborhoods are safe.

Clementine Moore feels like her Palatine neighborhood has even less crime than it did when she moved there 20 years ago.

"Sometimes things happen here, but it's not as bad as Chicago," said Moore, 57. "You don't hear about anybody getting shot or anything."

She attributes the low crime to the lack of bus routes between Palatine and Chicago, which ties into the opinion of many suburbanites that Chicago is the root of the area's crime problems.

For example, Alyet Sisson, 78, who lives in suburban North Chicago but attends church in the city every Sunday. She says she doesn't linger after the services.



Ceiling-high debris is piled up in a home where a woman was found dead. **CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE**

### Woman dies under rubbish

A 79-year-old Skokie woman was found dead Monday night in a home so crammed with trash, police said, that a hole had to be cut in the roof to reach the woman.

Marie Davis was found under a pile of debris in the single-family home in the 5400 block of Foster Street in the north suburb, officials said. An autopsy Tuesday determined that the woman died of heart disease.

Skokie police were called to the house at about 7:15 p.m. Monday and saw the woman's 54-year-old daughter at the front door, sitting on a 6-foot pile of garbage and screaming for help, according to Skokie Police Cmdr. Michael Ruth.

### Officials announce plan for fast rail

The first 90 miles of a high-speed rail corridor stretching 284 miles between Chicago and St. Louis could be completed late this year, under a construction plan the state and the freight railroad that owns the track announced Tuesday.

### Services set for slain officer Bailey

A wake will be held for slain Chicago Police Officer Michael Bailey on Thursday, and his funeral will be held Friday, the department announced Tuesday. Police say Bailey was killed Sunday outside his Park Manor home.

### Body discovered at driver facility

The body of a man was discovered in a burning car at an Illinois Secretary of State facility on the Northwest Side this morning, officials said. The body was found at 5401 N. Elston Ave. **TRIBUNE**

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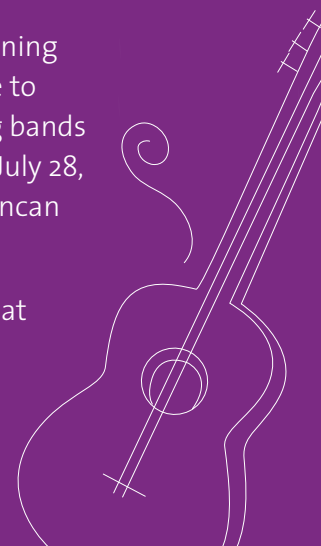


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# Ruling for 5 Peterson hearsay witnesses

## Chicago Tribune

The judge overseeing the Drew Peterson case has ruled the former Bolingbrook police sergeant likely murdered his third and fourth wives, but found that only five of the 13 hearsay sources prosecutors hoped to admit at trial could be used, according to a copy of the sealed ruling obtained by the Tribune.

Peterson's murder trial is on hold while prosecutors appeal Judge Stephen White's ruling.

The Tribune previously reported on parts of White's four-page ruling, in which he finds it more likely than not that Peterson killed his third wife, Kathleen Savio, and his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson. The ruling was made under a lesser legal standard than the standard of beyond a reasonable doubt that a jury would face.

Peterson has been charged only with Savio's 2004 drowning death, but he is the sole suspect in Stacy Peterson's 2007 disappearance. He has denied wrongdoing in both cases.

Defense attorneys have argued that the prosecution's July 7 appeal should be dismissed because it was filed more than a month after White's May 18 hearsay ruling.

## Mom says she lost grip on son

A Bronzeville woman accused of murder in the death of her toddler son told police she had been drinking when she swung him in the air and lost her grip, a prosecutor said in court Tuesday.

## Body under CTA train

A person was presumed dead and workers were trying to remove the victim's body Tuesday night from under a CTA Blue Line train near the Belmont Avenue station, fire officials said. Power on the tracks in both directions had been shut off.

## Man convicted of mailing threat

A Jordanian national from the city's Far North Side was convicted Monday in federal court of mailing a bomb threat to a Jewish school in Chicago. Mohammad Alkaramla, 26, of Chicago was convicted in a two-day bench trial. **TRIBUNE**



Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, leave the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday. **WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE**

# Say what, Rod?

## Blagojevich's attorneys reportedly tell judge he won't testify

### Chicago Tribune

Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich has spent more than a year telling anyone who would listen that he would testify in his own defense and be vindicated.

But in a stunning twist as his time to take the witness stand came, Blagojevich's attorneys told U.S. District Judge James Zagel on Tuesday that the ex-governor would not testify and that they were prepared to rest their case without calling a single witness, sources told the Tribune.

After conferring that message privately to Zagel and prosecutors in a lengthy sidebar, the defense team was told by the judge to mull the decision overnight.

The decision means Blagojevich won't be able to play any undercover recordings that he felt backed up his denials of wrongdoing. Last week, the judge took portions of two days to decide what recordings could be played for the jury by the defense, though he blocked many of

the ones it sought to air.

A number of sources said several factors went into the sudden reversal of course.

Blagojevich's lawyers believed prosecutors had held back part of their case against the former governor to use against him in what promised to be a bruising cross-examination by Assistant U.S. Attorney Reid Schar, who glared toward the defense table after learning of the decision.

The attorneys also were operating under the belief that if Blagojevich testified, convicted fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko, who has cooperated with the government, was likely to be called as a powerful rebuttal witness by prosecutors.

Sources have said Rezko, who allegedly helped Blagojevich scheme to make money by leveraging the powers of his office, had not been prepared by prosecutors to testify but was on notice that he could very likely be called to the stand on short order.

Blagojevich's lawyers also believed that the former governor's older brother, Robert, a well-spoken businessman and retired Army officer who testified for two days on his own behalf this week, made for an effective family spokesman for the defense.

After court, Blagojevich declined to answer questions shouted by reporters as he stepped into a waiting car.

But his outspoken legal team, led by Sam Adam and his son, Sam Adam Jr., had plenty to say.

In a rare public display of dissension for such a high-profile case, the father-and-son team revealed they were divided over the decision.

The elder Adam said he was leading the charge to have the governor stay off the witness stand but that his son wanted the ex-governor to testify because he had promised Blagojevich's testimony to the jury during his opening statement last month.





### Bomber's release lambasted

**1** President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron on Tuesday blasted Scottish authorities' decision to release the convicted Lockerbie bomber last year and agreed on the need to push for a more transparent disclosure of the circumstances of Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed al Megrahi's release. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

### Playboy gets SFW

**2** Playboy on Tuesday launched a non-nude website it described as being safe for work and a "satirical antidote to the drudgery of the work day." Produced specifically for the Internet, **thesmokingjacket.com** contains posts and viral content in categories such as Girls, Entertainment, Sex, Videos and Lifestyle.

### Show of force in S. Korea

**3** The U.S. and South Korea announced on Tuesday the start of large-scale military exercises next weekend in a show of force meant to convince North Korea to curb its "aggressive behavior." The drills are the first overt military response to the March attack on the Cheonan warship that killed 46 South Korean sailors and heightened tensions on the peninsula.

### BP continues cap tests

**4** The top U.S. oil spill official on Tuesday gave BP permission to continue with key pressure tests on its capped Macondo well for another 24 hours despite finding five small leaks around the well.

### Monkey smuggler arrested

**5** Mexican authorities searching a man with a bulge under his shirt at the airport in the nation's capital found 18 monkeys hidden beneath his clothes, police said. Two of the tiny titi monkeys he was carrying in a belt were dead, and 16 survived the journey from Lima, Peru.

### THE DIGIT

# 64

That's the score out of a possible 100 given to Facebook on Tuesday by the American Consumer Satisfaction Index, ranking the social networking site with perennial cellar dwellers such as the airline and cable TV industries.



### Oil slick rescue

**6** Men try to rescue their co-worker (left) from drowning in an oil slick Tuesday off the shore of Dalian, China. Crude oil began leaking into the water last week after a pipe exploded. **REUTERS**

# Senate vote final hurdle for Kagan

**7** **WASHINGTON** The Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday approved the nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to become the nation's fourth female Supreme Court justice, setting up a final confirmation vote by the Senate.

Democrats repeatedly characterized Kagan as a strong legal thinker who would be a fair judge, while Republicans slammed her as an inexperienced activist who would be unable to divorce her legal judgments from her political opinions.

Members on both sides expressed frustration with a confirmation hearing process many observers say increasingly yields few clear answers about a nominee's judicial philosophy.

"Elena Kagan is one of this country's leading legal minds, and has shown throughout this process that, if confirmed, she would be a fair and impartial Supreme Court Justice who understands how decisions made by the Court affect the lives of everyday Americans," President Obama said after the vote.

The full Senate is expected to vote on Kagan's nomination before departing for its August recess. If approved, Kagan will fill the seat of retiring Justice John Paul Stevens and become the 112th person to join the high court.

### HOW THEY VOTED

The committee vote broke down mostly along partisan lines, with one Republican joining the panel's Democrats in sending the nomination to the full Senate on a 13-6 vote.

# You get soup! And you get soup!

**8** **NEW YORK** A New York City soup vendor made famous after he inspired the "Soup Nazi" character on "Seinfeld" reopened his original Manhattan stall Tuesday, but Al Yeganeh did not show up for the celebrations.

For 20 years Yeganeh—who calls himself "The Original SoupMan" and detests the "Soup Nazi" character—dished out soup with very strict rules: "Pick the soup you want! Have your money ready! Move to the extreme left after ordering!" If you did not stick to the rules: "No soup for you!"

But in 2004 Yeganeh closed the 100-square-foot stall on 55th Street when he sold the rights to his business. He still controls the brand and his soups.





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## Cubs break Sweet Lou

In the end, the Cubs were able to do what no team has done before them.

It wasn't the ravages of old age, an aneurysm or a posse of umpires hell-bent on revenge that finally brought an end to Lou Piniella's storied career. Though Lou will never admit it, it's clear that what pushed him out of baseball and onto the golf courses of Florida for good was the prospect of another soul-sucking season managing the underachieving, apathetic team known as the Chicago National League Ball Club.

Piniella has worked for George Steinbrenner, managed five major league teams, won three World Series rings (two as a player) and has been manager of the year three times. His teams are as renowned for their strong fundamentals and plate discipline as Lou is for his temper and proficiency at dirt-kicking.

In 2007, Lou swaggered into the Cubs clubhouse as the new sheriff in town, ready to take his team of young ruffians and make them play baseball the "right" way, by God. And it worked. For a while.

In his first two seasons with the Cubs, Lou led his team to consecutive playoff appearances. But in the end, like the teeming masses of Cubs players and managers before him, we watched the air leak slowly out of Lou like an old tire. What 44 years of baseball couldn't pull off was accomplished by the Cubs in just three short seasons. By the 2010 All-Star Break, it became apparent that all Lou really wanted from life was a place to sit down with a stiff drink.

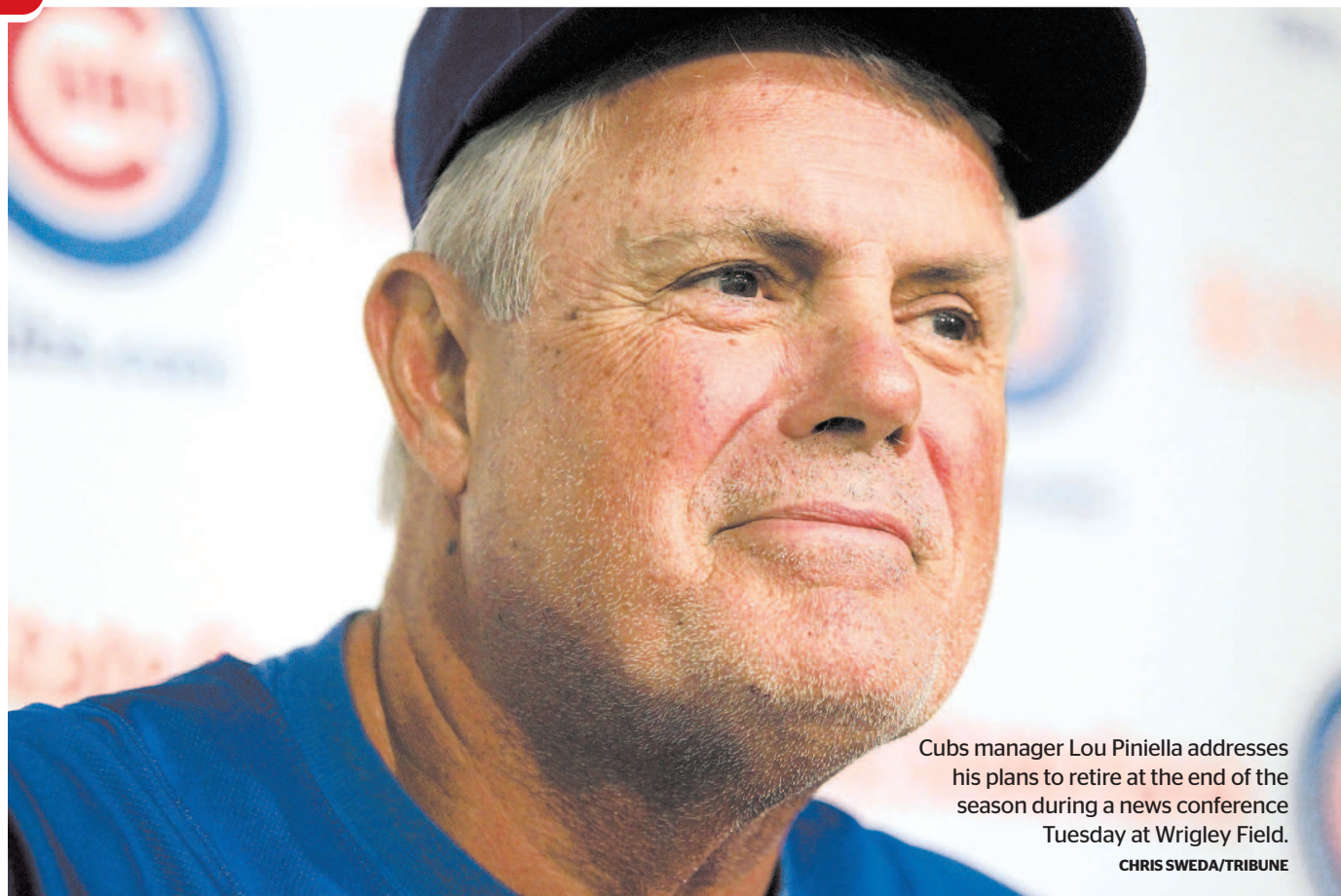
As Sweet Lou Piniella walks off into the proverbial sunset, some Cubs fans are understandably sad to see him go. But cheer up, Cubs fans, we still have the long, slow destruction of Ryne Sandberg's managerial career to look forward to.

**JULIE DICARO IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



**Julie DiCaro**

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Cubs manager Lou Piniella addresses his plans to retire at the end of the season during a news conference Tuesday at Wrigley Field.

CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

# LOU THROUGH

**PINIELLA TO CALL IT QUILTS AT THE END OF THE SEASON; SPECULATION ABOUT NEXT MANAGER ALREADY UNDER WAY**

### Chicago Tribune

It was back in Arizona during spring training that Cubs President Crane Kenney said management would have an "interesting conversation" with Lou Piniella at the end of the season if he felt good enough to continue managing in 2011.

But that interesting conversation never will happen.

Piniella officially announced Tuesday he has decided to call it quits on his managerial career at the end of this season.

Piniella made the decision last week, but the news leaked out from his agent early Tuesday afternoon before he could get a chance to inform his players and coaching staff.

"I've been extremely appreciative of my four years here with the Chicago Cubs,"

» Cubs 14, Houston 7  
» White Sox at Seattle, late

Piniella said. "... But at the end of this year I turn 67 and it's time for me to get on with a new phase of my life."

Piniella said he wanted to spend more time with his family and made the announcement now because he didn't "want to mislead anybody" about his intentions.

"More important, it gives [general manager] Jim Hendry more time to find a new manager for this organization," he said.

Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts later confirmed Hendry would remain the general manager "going into next year," and will make the decision on who will succeed Piniella.

Bob Brenly, Joe Torre and Joe Girardi are three potential managerial candidates who have World Series championships under their belts.

But Hendry said he wouldn't rule out someone with no managerial experience in the big leagues and named Triple-A Iowa manager Ryne Sandberg as an in-house candidate.

"We want the best manager moving forward," Hendry said.

Piniella's legacy in Chicago likely will be debated for years to come. He won two division titles in his first two seasons but went 0-6 in the playoffs. He helped the Cubs set attendance records and raised expectations, but he also watched a veteran team shoot itself in the foot this season, leading to its current mess.



# WHO'S ON DECK?

Now that it's official that Lou Piniella is gone in 2011, who will be his successor? Here are some of the top candidates. **TRIBUNE**



## Joe Girardi

Lost to Piniella for 2007 opening, but went on to win a World Series with the 2009 Yankees. The former Cubs catcher has said he wanted to manage the Cubs, but it's hard to imagine him leaving the Yankees after 2010.



## Bob Brenly

Another favorite of Cubs fans for his blunt criticisms about the team. But he already was interviewed for the job by general manager Jim Hendry in '06 and never was given a realistic chance.



## Ryne Sandberg

Probably the fans' choice because of his place in Cubs lore as a man who knows the game and played it the right way. Currently in his fourth year managing the Iowa Cubs.



## Joe Torre

L.A. sources insist Torre would love the challenge of managing the Cubs, and he's about to become available again with his contract ending with the Dodgers.



## Alan Trammell

Piniella's bench coach knows the team and has experience managing Detroit. Not the "big name" hiring the Cubs normally go for, but Hendry likes him.

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Who do you think?

Which of these candidates would you like to see be the next Cubs manager? Text "cubs" followed by the number preceding your choice below to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Ryan Sandberg | 2. Joe Girardi |
| 3. Bob Brenly    | 4. Joe Torre   |
| 5. Alan Trammell |                |

# KNEE-JERK REACTIONS

Just like the rest of the world, when RedEye staffers hear the news, we have our opinions—serious or not-so-serious. Here is our reaction to the news that Lou Piniella is retiring at the end of the season.

**BRIAN MOORE**  
@redeyesportguy

News of his announcement leaked before he was ready to make it. Man, he can't even retire correctly.



**ERNEST WILKINS**  
@ErnestWilkins

Wait, Lou Piniella's still alive? What else have you been keeping from me?



**LEO EBERSOLE**  
@sharkvshyena

The "R" word the Cubs should be talking about is "rebuilding," not "retirement." Lou, Z and Soriano checked out years ago, and it's time to make this a hungry team.



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five on five

# See ya, Lou

Lou Piniella might be retiring, but these five are going nowhere. Sigh. Play along at [redeyechicago.com/5on5](http://redeyechicago.com/5on5).



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<b>1</b> How much faith do you have in Bobby Jenks as White Sox closer?	Not a lot of faith for a guy who goes behind people's backs.	Faith? Hill no.	About as much as I do that the kids on the "Magic School Bus" are going to take a normal field trip.	Jenks was great in June and July before his latest implosion, so let's keep the knee from jerking too hard.	Same amount as 2005. Blown saves happen, he's human.
<b>2</b> Why does Carlos Lee always seem to kill the Cubs?	As always, "The Horse" heads to the mattresses.	It's a Mr. Lee. OK, no more Tracy impersonations.	Please, lately sunshine and oxygen seem to kill the Cubs.	Carlos Lee is a cyborg sent back in time from the year 2027 to murder the Cubs.	"El Caballo" still has White Sox blood in his veins, and a hunger to beat the Cubs.
<b>3</b> How can the Fire snap their four-game losing streak Wednesday night?	Don't worry, they're playing the Pumas, whose kicks are out of style.	Sign Brett Favre to play quarterback for a game.	Play the Cubs.	Secretly hire the Spanish World Cup team to play for them.	By starting Frank Klopas.
<b>4</b> How long is the Brett Favre saga going to play out this summer?	Not long. Fatigue for him sets in quickly. As does angina.	At least a half-hour special on ESPN.	If it's still going on by the end of this sentence, too long.	Brett Favre is a cyborg sent back in time from the year 2027 to annoy America to death.	Opening day, Sept. 9. It's a shorter flight to New Orleans from Mississippi.
<b>5</b> A cycling feud is to the Tour de France as ...	... a girl fight is to a sample sale. It's worse mid-cycle.	... a real sport is to not cycling.	... marshmallows are to Lucky Charms: The only reason anyone is into it.	... the Heidi-Spencer breakup is to reality TV. Pretty inevitable and probably a lot of cheating involved.	... the Utah Jazz are to the Bulls.

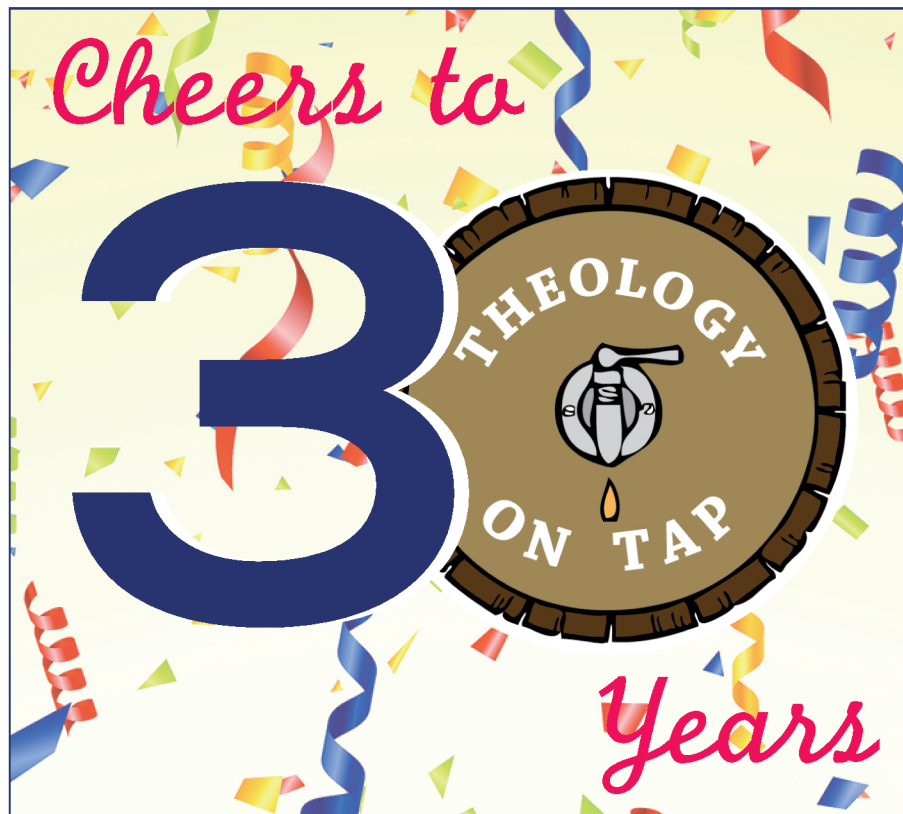
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# JENNIE FINCH'S LAST PITCH

Chicago Bandits star to retire at the end of the season

**OKLAHOMA CITY** Jennie Finch had no trouble dazzling everyone.

The striking blonde with the unhittable stuff was the most dominant softball pitcher of her time. Finch won an NCAA championship in record-setting fashion and added Olympic gold as she spread softball's popularity in America and beyond.

But after 10 years of playing internationally, Finch is turning her focus to her family and her desire to have more children.

The 29-year-old announced Tuesday she'll play one more week with the U.S. team and retire from the sport next month when the Chicago Bandits' National Pro Fastpitch season is over.

"This whole career has been way more than I ever even imagined or dreamed," Finch said in an interview with The Associated Press. "The opportunities that I'd be able to enjoy and appreciate and be a part of, it's been incredible."

Finch won gold at the 2004 Olympics in Athens and silver four years later in Beijing. Earlier this month, she helped the U.S. win its seventh straight world championship.

Her final international games will come in the World Cup of Softball, starting Thursday night in Oklahoma City. The Bandits are scheduled to play their last regular-

Take a look back at Jennie Finch's career in photos at [redeyechicago.com](http://redeyechicago.com).

season game Aug. 22 in Elgin.

"You go anywhere and you can say, 'Jennie Finch,' and people know who that is," U.S. shortstop Natasha Watley said. "You say you play softball, 'Oh, do you know who Jennie Finch is?' Well, yeah, actually she's my teammate."

"Just what she's done for this sport is amazing."

Coupled with her softball skills, the 6-foot-2-inch Finch's beauty and charm landed her a place in the mainstream. She struck out some of the big leagues' best hitters in appearances on "This Week in Baseball," competed on "Celebrity Apprentice" and made the rounds on late-night talk shows.

Finch, who will turn 30 in September, has a 4-year-old son, Ace, with her husband, Casey Daigle, a pitcher who has split this season between the Houston Astros and Triple-A Round Rock. The couple have spent about two weeks together at their Arizona home during the past year, Finch said.

"I just feel like it gets harder and harder every year with Ace getting older and time away from my husband and even family events such as birthdays and friends' weddings and things that I've always just missed out on because of softball," Finch said.

Jennie Finch  
GETTY IMAGES



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**WHIZZER**  
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I can't believe the long, storied career is over. So many highlights, so many accomplishments. Yes, I'm going to miss Jennie Finch. Here now, my picks.

**Cubs vs. Houston**

1:20 p.m. WGN

**1** **Houston 6, Cubs 4.**  
Sorry, Lou, teams aren't giving you a retirement gift.

**White Sox at Seattle**

9:10 p.m. CSN

**2** **Sox 6, Mariners 5.** Milton Bradley still taking a beating from Chicago.

**Philadelphia vs. Manchester United**

6:30 p.m. ESPN2

**3** **Manchester 2, Union 1.** We can't beat the Brits this time, Philly.

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» Lance Armstrong was attacked from the gun Tuesday during the Tour de France and stayed in the front all day but faded as he neared the finish line. He settled for sixth behind winner Pierrick Fedrigo of France.

» Serena Williams, who cut her right foot on broken glass at a restaurant recently, is questionable for the U.S. Open, according to the WTA Tour. The U.S. Open begins Aug. 30.

» The Bulls added backcourt depth late Monday by acquiring C.J. Watson from the Warriors in a sign-and-trade transaction for a 2011 second-round pick.

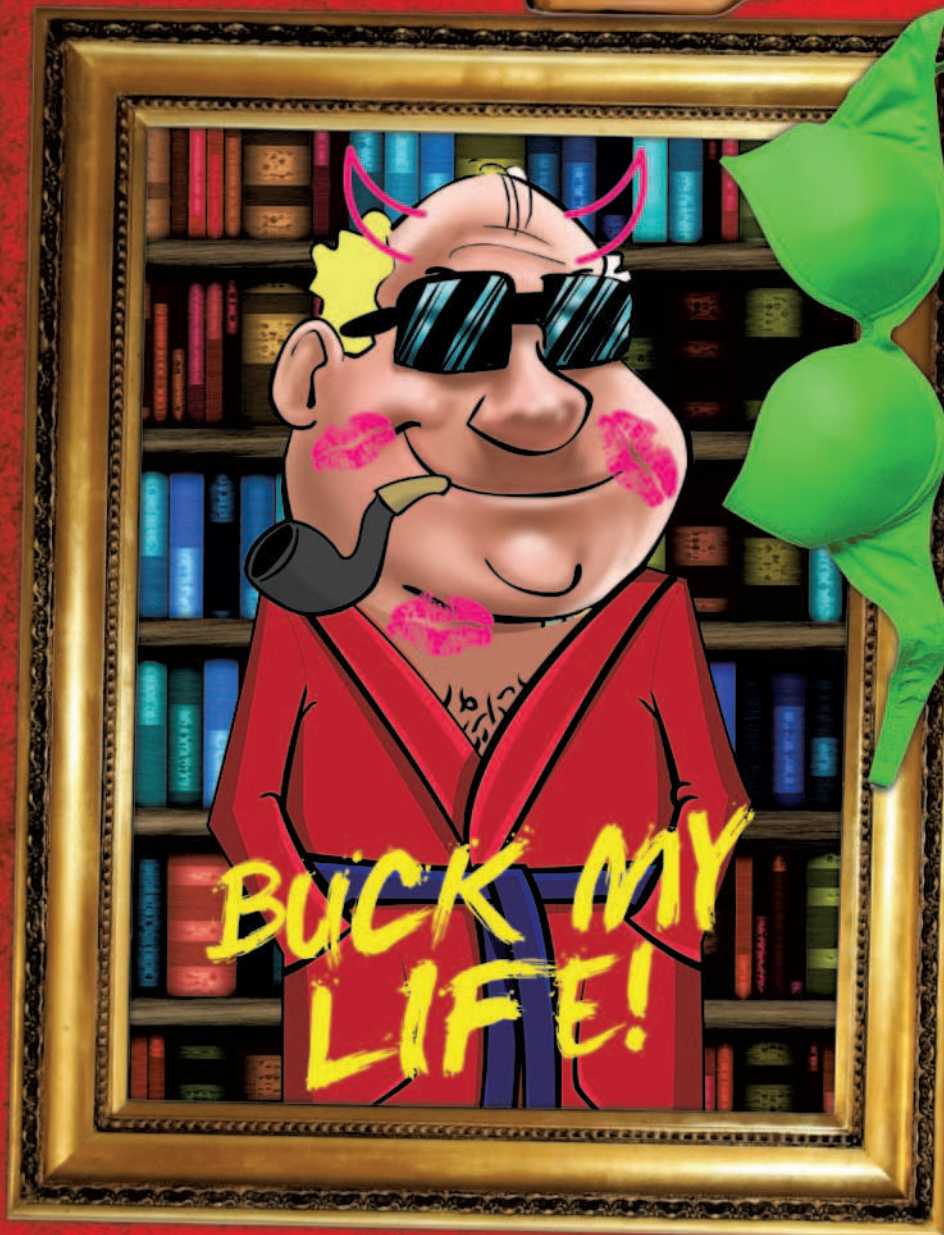
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## Cool beans

5 buzzworthy spots doing their part to revive the indie coffeehouse scene

By Erin Sarris

As recently as a few years ago, the obituary of the mom-and-pop coffeehouse was all but written. Java junkies decried the takeover of faceless mega-coffee shops marked by homogeneous hangout spaces and inferior roasts. But lately Chicago's seen a revival of neighborhood spots touting high-quality beans, offbeat decor and communal vibes. Get reacquainted with everything you used to love about the indie coffeehouse scene—even those quirky coffeehouse characters who populate the places—at one of these new spots.



**The Wormhole Coffee**  
BARRY BRECHEISEN PHOTO FOR METROMIX

### Coffeehouse characters

#### The Indie Disciple

This snooty sipper rails against corporate chains such as Starbucks. Her ultra-sophisticated palate can track down mainstream brands in a sip.



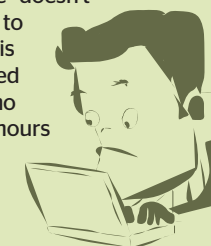
#### The Caffeine Junkie

Look out! He's over-caffeinated and amped up after too many cups of Joe.



#### The Workaholic

"In the zone" doesn't even begin to describe this ultra-focused camper, who lingers for hours with eyes locked on the laptop.



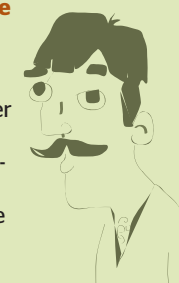
#### The Diva

She'll have the extra hot, no whip, non-fat, double tall ... the order goes on and on. And she's rarely happy with the coffee anyway.



#### The Protective Local

This curious breed of self-loathing hipster bemoans gentrification without noticing he's fueling the trend. —E.S.



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**In your ears:** Local artists on heavy rotation, with an emphasis on mellow, acoustic tunes. Look for live music on weekends soon.

**The characters:** The Protective Local

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**At the counter:** A variety of beans from guest roasters with a preference for those with Oregon and California ties, since two of the three founders hail from the West Coast.

**On the walls:** Images of the founders' favorite coffee shops around the country, including indie spots in New York City, Michigan and California

**In your ears:** An eclectic mix of indie rock, pop and electronic—but none so loud you can't hear yourself think

**The characters:** The Caffeine Junkie, The Indie Disciple

#### The Wormhole Coffee

1462 N. Milwaukee Ave.

**At the counter:** Metropolis Coffee Company beans, often used in quirky signature drinks (\$3.75-\$4.50) such as the Peanut Butter Koopa Troopa, which incorporates organic peanut butter mousse.

**On the walls:** Retro '80s kitsch, including original film posters from "Top Gun," "Ghostbusters" and "Goonies." (The decor's piece de resistance is parked near the front window: a real DeLorean, just like the one from "Back to the Future.")

**In your ears:** '80s hits from the likes of Michael Jackson, Sting and a-ha, with a few indie hits thrown into the mix

**The characters:** The Protective Local, The Diva

#### Kickstand Espresso Bar

824 W. Belmont Ave.  
773-248-6300

**At the counter:** More Metropolis beans. Feel free to watch from the European-style stand-up bar and geek out on the intricate latte art: swirls, hearts, rosettes and facial profiles.

**On the walls:** Vintage bikes and colorful, iconic artwork from local artist Homeless Cop

**In your ears:** Barista's choice (which makes for a little bit of everything)

**The characters:** The Workaholic, The Caffeine Junkie

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## METROMIX PICKS

### CARNIVALE UNIVERSITY:

#### TEQUILA 101

Sample tequilas and appetizers and learn the history behind the spirit's production and origins during a two-hour, hands-on cocktail lesson at lively Warehouse District Nuevo Latino spot Carnivale. \$25. RSVP required. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 702 W. Fulton Market. 312-850-5005.

### DINNER AND A MOVIE: 'HIGH NOON'

The latest in a series of weekly screenings on the patio at Chicago Firehouse Restaurant includes free popcorn and themed food and drink specials. 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. 1401 S. Michigan Ave. 312-786-1401.

### MEAT THE CHEFS

Sample dishes prepared by Theo Gilbert, owner and executive chef of **Terragusto** (340 W. Armitage Ave., 1851 W. Addison St.), during the July installment of this free monthly tasting series at Paulina Meat Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 3501 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-248-6272.



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### DINING DEALS THROUGH SUNDAY

#### 33 CLUB

3:30-6:30 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: Half-price appetizers; 1419 N. Wells St. 312-664-1419.

#### BLUE 13

5 p.m. Sun.: \$20 family-style supper. Menu changes weekly and features a chicken, pork, beef, lamb or fish entree, plus sides, a salad and baked dessert; 416 W. Ontario St. 312-787-1400.

#### BROWN TROUT

Wed.: \$35 three-course dinner; Thu.: No corkage fee; 4111 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-4111.

#### CAFE DES ARCHITECTES

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$18 lunch combo and \$21.95 lunch sampler. Combo changes daily and features soup, sandwich, salad and cookie. Lunch sampler includes four

small courses; 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: \$24 brunch sampler; 5-11 p.m. Sun.: \$29 three-course dinner; 20 E. Chestnut St. Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. 312-324-4000.

#### CIAO! CAFE & WINE LOUNGE

4 p.m. Fri.: Summer Cocktail Party. Get Canton and St. Germain cocktails and food from the seasonal

small plates menu for \$5; 939 W. Madison St. 312-850-2426.

#### DUCHAMP

Sun.: Half-price bottles of wine; 2118 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-6434.

#### EVE

5-7 p.m. Wed.: \$29 three-course dinner, BYOB night; 5-7 p.m. Thu.: \$29 three-course dinner; Sun.: \$20 for brunch entree and

mimosas (10 a.m.-3 p.m.), \$29 three-course dinner (5-7 p.m.), BYOB night; 840 N. Wabash Ave. 312-266-3383.

#### MACELLO

Wed., Sun.: Half-price wines from the Puglia region; 1235 W. Lake St. 312-850-9870.

#### NATALINO'S

Wed.: \$5 martini, \$11 filet medallions with risotto and house

salad; Thu.: \$5 martinis, \$9 chicken parmesan with house salad; Fri.: \$5 martinis; Sun.: \$12 spaghetti and meatball dinner. Includes house salad and a glass of wine; 1523 W. Chicago Ave. 312-997-3700.

#### RB GRILLE

Wed.: Half-price select bottles of wine; 1 W. Grand Ave. Rock Bottom Brewery 312-755-0890.

#### Socca

Wed.: Valencian Wednesdays. \$15 for paella and a pint of sangria; 5-7 p.m.; Thu.: \$5 pizzas in the bar. Choose from caprese, prosciutto, grilled chicken, goat cheese and more; 5-10 p.m. Sun.: \$25 three-course dinner; 3301 N. Clark St. 773-248-1155.

#### ZEALOUS

5-10 p.m. Wed.: \$35

#### MERCADITO

10 p.m. Wed.-Thu., Sun. and 11 p.m. Fri.-Sat.: \$23 all-you-can-eat tacos; 108 W. Kinzie St. 312-329-9555.

three-course dinner. Selections include grilled beef filet, sesame-crusted Chilean sea bass and eggplant gateau; 419 W. Superior St. 312-475-9112.

## MOTION PICTURE DIRECTORY

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G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

### 600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)

600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

■ **Inception** (PG-13) 11:10, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) ♦ 11:45, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) ♦ 11:30, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 11:00  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00  
■ **Knight and Day** (PG-13) 3:15, 8:15  
■ **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 12:45, 5:45, 10:45

### LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago  
(773) 509-4949

■ **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 1:00, 1:30, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15  
■ **Cyrus** (R) 1:35, 4:10, 7:30, 10:15  
■ **Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky** (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05  
■ **I Am Love** (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10  
■ **Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work** (R) 1:15, 3:40, 6:45, 9:00  
■ **Winter's Bone** (NR) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

### CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1642

■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 1:00, 3:35, 6:05, 8:30, 11:00  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 1:50, 9:50  
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:45, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45, 10:15, 10:50  
■ **Predators** (R) 12:40, 2:00, 3:25, 5:00, 6:25, 7:45, 9:15, 10:40  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 12:50, 2:15, 4:00, 5:10, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00, 11:10  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:40, 10:45  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 12:15 P.M.  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
■ **The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot** (NR) 6:30 P.M.

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893

■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) ★ 12:40, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 11:50, 2:10, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
■ **Tooth Fairy** (PG) 10:00 A.M.  
■ **The Kids Are All Right** (R) Advance Tickets Available ★

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago  
(888) AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

■ **Inception** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 12:20, 2:40, 3:45, 6:00, 7:15, 9:30  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) ♦ 10:45, 12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15, 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 11:55, 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15  
■ **Predators** (R) ♦ 11:25, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 10:50, 12:40, 1:40, 3:30, 4:25, 6:20, 7:20, 9:05, 10:05  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 11:15, 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 11:40, 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 11:10, 1:35, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10  
■ **The Karate Kid** (PG) 11:45, 3:15, 6:30, 9:40

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street  
(312) 846-2800

■ **Something Better Somewhere Else** (NR) 6:00 P.M.  
■ **The Oath** (NR) 6:00 P.M.  
■ **Beetle Queen Conquers Tokyo** (NR) 8:00 P.M.  
■ **Read My Lips** (R) 7:45 P.M.

### LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
(773) 252-0628

■ **The Karate Kid** (PG) 2:10, 5:55, 8:25  
■ **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 2:00, 4:00, 6:10, 8:20  
■ **Shrek Forever After** (PG) 2:05, 4:15, 6:10, 8:10  
■ **Iron Man 2** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604

■ **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) 4:15 P.M.  
■ **Wild Grass** (PG) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45  
■ **Dazed and Confused** (R) 7:30 P.M.

### PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
(888) AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily

■ AMC Independent **I Hate Luv Storys** (NR) 1:10 P.M.  
■ AMC Independent **Restrepo** (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15  
■ AMC Independent **The Secret in Their Eyes** (R) 4:25, 7:15  
■ **9500 Liberty** (NR) 1:25, 3:35, 5:35  
■ AMC Independent **City Island** (PG-13) 3:45 P.M.  
■ AMC Independent **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 6:05 P.M.

### WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1641

■ **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available  
■ **Salt** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available  
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 9:40, 10:20, 10:45  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 1:50, 4:20  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 2:00, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10  
■ **Knight and Day** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 1:10, 3:40, 6:20  
■ **Get Him to the Greek** (R) 9:00  
■ **MET Summer Encore: Turandot** (NR) 6:30

### SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago  
(800) 326-3264 #1646

■ **Inception** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30, 10:05, 10:45  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:50  
■ AMC Independent **Standing Ovation** (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:15  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 12:45, 3:10, 5:45, 8:10, 10:40  
■ **Predators** (R) 12:40, 4:00, 6:55, 10:10  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 12:50, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:35  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 1:35, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 1:15, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35  
■ **The Karate Kid** (PG) 3:00, 6:05, 9:40

### SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero  
(800) 326-3264 #1644

■ **Inception** (PG-13) 10:00, 12:00, 1:30, 3:10, 4:10, 6:20, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) 10:45, 11:50, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30  
■ AMC Independent **Standing Ovation** (PG) 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40  
■ **Predators** (R) 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 10:05, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 10:30, 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:35  
■ **Toy Story 3** (G) 10:15, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00  
■ **The Karate Kid** (PG) 10:10, 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:35

### SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago  
(312) 564-2104

■ **MET Summer Encore: Turandot** (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.  
■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 3:50, 4:20, 6:40, 7:10, 9:30, 10:00  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) ★ 1:20, 2:10, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:20, 9:00, 9:50  
■ **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) ★ 1:15, 4:15  
■ **Predators** (R) ★ 2:20, 5:00  
■ **Predators** (R) ★ 7:50, 10:40  
■ **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) ★ 7:15, 10:15  
■ **The Last Airbender 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:15, 8:10, 11:10  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30  
■ **Knight and Day** (PG-13) 1:50, 5:10, 7:45, 10:50  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 12:40, 3:50, 6:20, 9:10  
■ **Cyrus** (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10  
■ **The Karate Kid** (PG) 12:50, 4:10

#### VIP Premium 21+

■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:00, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:30

### OAK PARK LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park  
(630) 444-FILM #560

■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ 12:25, 3:35, 6:45, 9:55  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40  
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) ★ 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40  
■ **The Last Airbender** (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:05  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45  
■ **Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) 10:00 A.M.

### EVANSTON

#### CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston  
(847) 492-0123

■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) ★ 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25  
■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 1:25, 3:40, 4:45, 7:00, 8:05, 10:20  
■ **Inception** (PG-13) ★ 11:20, 2:35, 5:50, 9:15  
■ **MET Summer Encore: Turandot** (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.  
■ **The Kids Are All Right** (R) ★ 11:25, 12:15, 2:00, 2:50, 4:35, 5:25, 6:20, 7:10, 7:55, 8:55, 9:45, 10:35  
■ **Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky** (R) ★ 12:30, 3:25  
■ **Cyrus** (R) 12:25, 2:55, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00  
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) ★ 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35  
■ **Grown Ups** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 10:15  
■ **I Am Love** (R) 1:45, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
■ **Knight and Day** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40  
■ **Predators** (R) ★ 11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00  
■ **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) ★ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05  
■ **The Last Airbender 3D** (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10  
■ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice** (PG) ★ 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55  
■ **The Twilight Saga: Eclipse** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:25, 5:15, 8:15  
■ **Toy Story 3 3D** (G) 11:35, 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:25



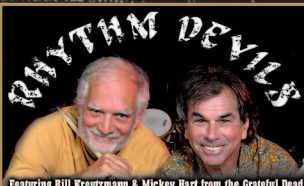
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## RANDOM ACTS OF GREATNESS

5 THINGS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK



**1 The gigantic book of karaoke songs** (more than 7,000 songs, they tell us) at newish River North bar Blue Frog 22 (22 E. Hubbard St.). Want to sing Montell Jordan's "This is How We Do It" or Mark Morrison's "Return of the Mack"? Or a Natalie Imbruglia tune no one's ever heard? Oh, yes, you can. —**MATT PAIS**

**2 The Fresh and Clean cocktail** (\$11) at Landmark (1633 N. Halsted St.). The recent menu addition from mixologist Benjamin Schiller blends gin, green Chartreuse, lemon and Peychaud's bitters into a gorgeous rose-colored concoction with an edible orchid garnish. —**REBECCA PALMORE**

**3 The current specials menu**, available through Aug. 4, at Chilam Balam (3023 N. Broadway). You can't go wrong with any of the seasonal, summer-themed small plates, but come December, we'll be dreaming of the silky squash blossom and crab custard (\$12.75) topped with grilled peach pico de gallo and served on cilantro-chile gazpacho. —**TRAN HA**

**4 Horchata ice cream** at Scoops (608 W. 31st St.) in Bridgeport. This tasty dessert version of the rice-milk beverage is great scooped up sans toppings (\$3.25 for a single scoop, \$4.25 for a double) or in shake form (\$5.25). —**LISA BALDE**

**5 The Buddha's Karma burger** (\$9.50) at Boystown staple Chicago Diner (3411 N. Halsted St.). At Pitchfork last weekend, this item was made with a more traditional veggie burger patty instead of the usual homemade curry-tofu-sweet potato patty. But the mango-pineapple "Karmic Realignment" sauce was what made us fall for it. —**M.P.**

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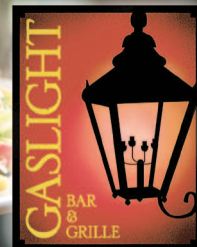
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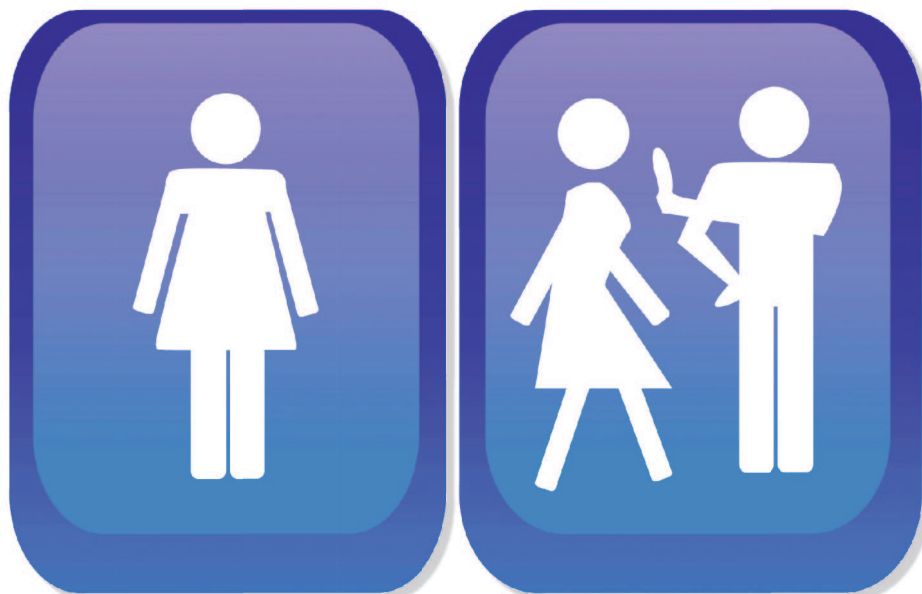


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here, people. Have pity! I won't be a princess and spend 20 minutes in there. And of course, if a guy walks up first, he gets dibs. But if I have to go, I have to go, skirted female symbol or not. —GEORGIA GARVEY

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### NO

Seriously, bro? You let a girl into the men's room? Duuuuuude. I'm sure she was totally wondering what a beer glass sitting on a urinal cake looks like. Or

what a reversal of fortune smells like after it's had an opportunity to age. You do know there's a reason why they cordon us off into the men's room, right? We're gross. No woman should see us like that—even if she is about to burst. Plus, she's taking up my spot in line! —JIM WALSH



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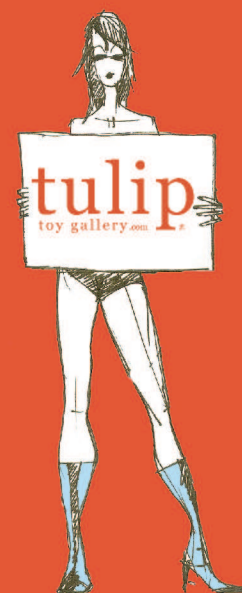
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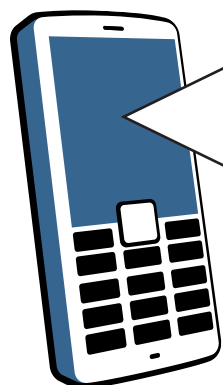
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# ‘Personal, Jesus’

**Non-religious rockers Young Jesus focus on Cristal and Will Smith, not their name’s potential to offend**

**By Matt Pais**

Surely one of the more promising young Chicago bands, Young Jesus exists somewhere in the space between the party and the comedown. The band’s debut EP, “Late Night Standards”—available for free at [whoisyoungjesus.com](http://whoisyoungjesus.com)—is an accomplished toast to booze and delayed responsibility, loneliness and bad timing, like a hangover that hasn’t happened yet. (FYI: Young Jesus’ music has no religious connotations.) The indie rockers seem ripe for discovery by Pitchfork, who’d probably dig the songs that go

on longer than expected and in surprising yet fluid directions. Not bad for a quintet mostly made up of members in the 18-21 range. And they’re already growing up with a batch of new songs co-vocalist/guitarist John Rossiter, 21, says are more focused on “where some of those characters ended up. It’s just about growin’ up a little bit and realizing that some of those problems maybe aren’t such a big deal anymore.” Oh, and if you’re wondering about the band name: Rossiter, who credits the National’s Matt Berninger and the Hold Steady’s Craig Finn as lyrical influences, says it was coined as a joke before he joined the band. Rossiter, who lives in Rogers Park, offered other choice quotes about performing with drunk Bon Jovi fans, learning Italian in six hours and the band’s hot-button moniker.



**Young Jesus**

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Originally when I told my parents, they were really upset because they’re pretty seriously Christian. And that’s typically how a lot of families with people like that react. But we’re not a Disney movie, so we haven’t had too many problems with the concert-going crowd in Chicago yet.”

—On reactions to the band name

I don’t think we’ve gotten enough attention to really worry about it yet. We haven’t had Glenn Beck go on Fox yet and talk about how awful the band name Young Jesus is, so when that happens we’ll talk about it.”

—If they’ll think about changing the name

I think it was sort of an ode to high school. We just wanted to pay tribute to a lot of the bands, like Alkaline Trio and Brand New and sort of that emo scene a little bit but also try to move forward and be something more indie and interesting.”

—The goal for “Late Night Standards”

“It was actually really easy. I just bought the Rosetta Stone and it was done in six hours maybe. It was a lot of fun. I’ve learned like seven languages over the past three or four days too.”

—On learning Italian before being interviewed by an Italian online magazine

## FASTFWD

THIS WEEK’S TOP 5 LIVE SHOWS

**1. Kings of Leon**

7:30 p.m. Sat. at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre

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**2. Tapes ‘n Tapes, Unicycle Loves You**

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7 p.m. Sat. at Alpine Valley Music Theatre

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**4. Eyedea and Abilities**

8 p.m. Thu. at Bottom Lounge  
Minnesota is overflowing with good indie rap.

**5. Very Truly Yours**

7:30 p.m. Sat. at Double Door  
Local pop doesn’t get much sweeter.



“I would say by the end of the night I have zero standards.”

—Addressing the EP title

“I think it would be really fun to play Madison Square Garden with Bon Jovi because everyone would just be going totally insane and everyone would be totally wasted and 40 years old. Ideally, I think we’d all really love to play a show with Wilco at like Grant Park or something. It would be really awesome if we could play a show with Van Morrison, Wilco and Alkaline Trio.”

—If the band could play anywhere, with anyone

“We both talk big game. I think we both like to pop bottles and chill. I don’t know exactly if Young Jeezy likes Cristal, but I know we all really, really like it and have our fridges packed with it.”

—What Young Jesus has in common with Young Jeezy

“I’ve gotten a few calls from Will’s people, but he’s really focusing on his son’s career right now. And he wants us to do a press thing for ‘Karate Kid,’ and that’s one of my least favorite movies in the world so right now it’s kind of on the rocks.”

—On the result of posting a note on Facebook asking Will Smith to, um, set up a tour with them

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## New releases



### The Streets on Fire

“This is Fancy”  
(The Currency Exchange)

It’s disappointing that the proper full-length debut from these Chicago dance rockers, following up the EP “Hot Weekend,” doesn’t have its predecessor’s sexy energy and pulsing charisma. Opener “No One’s F\*\*\*ing to the Radio” mistakes speed and anxiousness for intrigue, and the nearly five-minute “Hello, From Eastern Europe” stretches out an attitude that’s more powerful when wound up and condensed into a ball of fire. The band’s sound remains appealingly itchy, frantic and sweaty, challenging you to know how you’re supposed to dance if you can even keep up. The consecutive punch of “Astronaut Love Triangle” and “That’s Hard to Find” hits the sweet spot where the band’s forward momentum explodes into a wild stomp. Yet the disturbing swagger behind this garage outfit doesn’t amount to much over a directionless album of tracks that fail to stick in your head the way older songs like “1964” and “We Play with Tigers” did. Hoping for better things next time.

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9 p.m. \$5. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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**LONIE WALKER AND HER BIG BAD ASS CO. BAND**  
11 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Wal-

ton St. 312-266-7761.

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8:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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4 p.m. Free. Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-7437.

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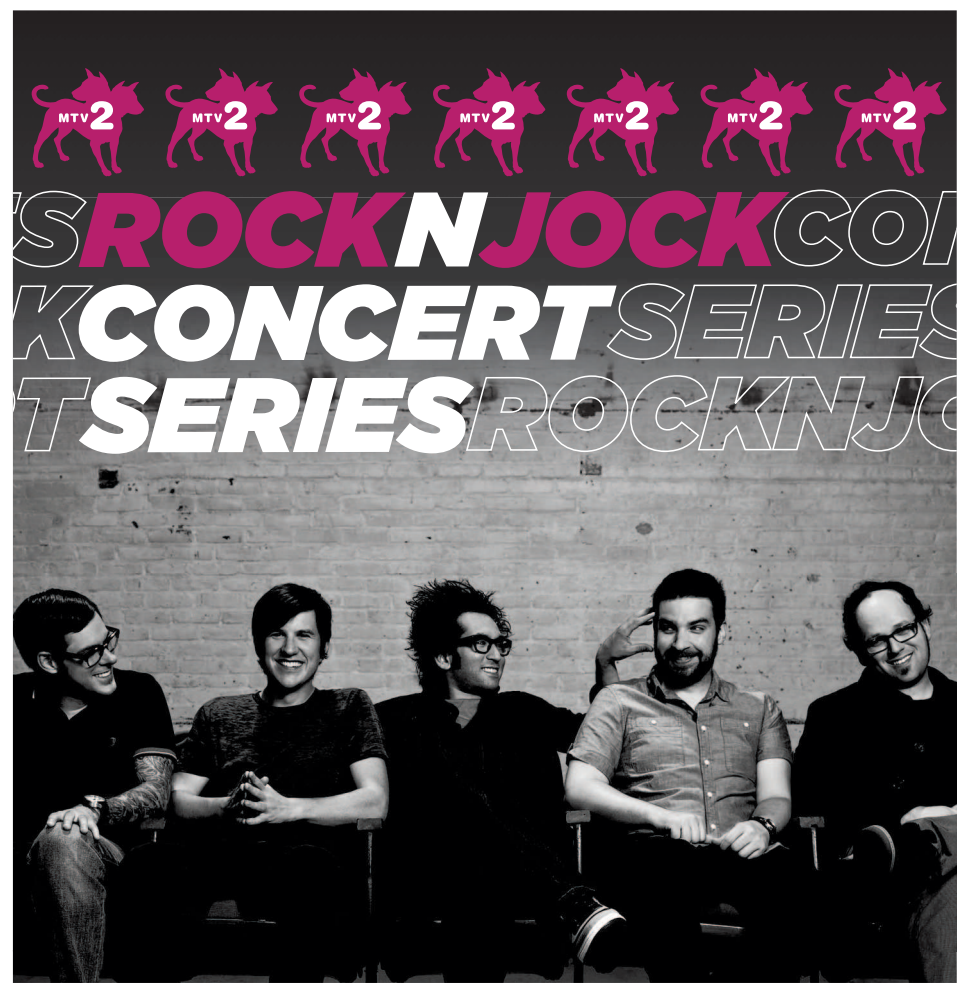
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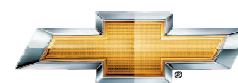
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# Him and 'H.E.R.'

## Local director moves hip-hop play east, but not before a final hurrah

By Carol Hilker

"The plan is to be there temporarily," Wendell Tucker explains. "There" is New York City, which Chicago actor, playwright and director Tucker calls a necessary step in the life of his play, "I Still Love H.E.R. (atributetohiphop)," already performed more than 100 times since its local debut in October 2005. This week, "H.E.R." encores in Chicago before heading to the Big Apple, where a weeklong run starting Nov. 6 at the Apollo Theater will precede a stint on Broadway. Tucker is working out location details as of press time; the goal is for a minimum three-month run.

Growing up in the now-demolished Robert Taylor Homes, Tucker, 29, never imagined he'd be involved in theater. "When we talked about acting, it was TV and film," he says. His show's beginnings can be traced back to 1994, when Chicago rapper Common released the song, "I Used to Love H.E.R." (H.E.R. serves here as an acronym for the phrase "hearing every rhyme"). Critics hailed it as one of hip-hop's greatest recordings, and Tucker identified with the song. "It's essentially about [Common's] love and struggle for hip-hop to be good," he explains. "Even though he might not respect it all the time, he still loves it and believes in it."

Tucker's play takes on the spirit and soul of hip-hop from the perspective of Love 1, a disillusioned radio host (played by Tucker), who is angry by the messages and images in the community. He decides to retire and dedicates his farewell broadcast to Hip-Hop (played by Lynesha Monet), who shows up to tell her side of the story. Through the dialogue, dance and music that follow, the audience takes an organic but sentimental journey illustrating the rich culture of the music.

We caught up with him recently to talk more about the play and find out what he'll miss most about his native city.

### What led you to write "H.E.R."?

The story behind it was written by [Tucker's former mentor Arthur Reese of Chicago State University], who had a great love for our community, but not a great understanding of hip-hop. We would always tell him, "We need something more real." Finally he said, "OK then, go write it."

### You introduce hip-hop as a culture, rather than a music genre. Why is that?

Anywhere you go on the planet, you are going to see a representation of hip-hop. You don't have that with any other kind of culture. You can go to Japan, Africa, China, Australia, South America: you will see hip-hop. It's a story that needs to be told.

### What can audiences expect in your show?

Eleven tracks, 11 dance numbers, each one about a different

subject in hip-hop culture. You'll hear a little Run DMC, Lauryn Hill, Salt-N-Pepa and lots of surprises.

### How do you think this show will be received by audiences in New York City?

I think they're gonna love it. Even though the show has its roots in Chicago, we properly acknowledge that hip-hop has its roots in New York. For us, it's really bringing the show back to its foundation.

### What will you miss most about Chicago?

To be honest, Lake Shore Drive. Half of this show was written behind the Adler Planetarium around 2 or 3 a.m. when I wasn't supposed to be there. Chicago is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen. We'll also miss some of our closest friends and ... the pizza.

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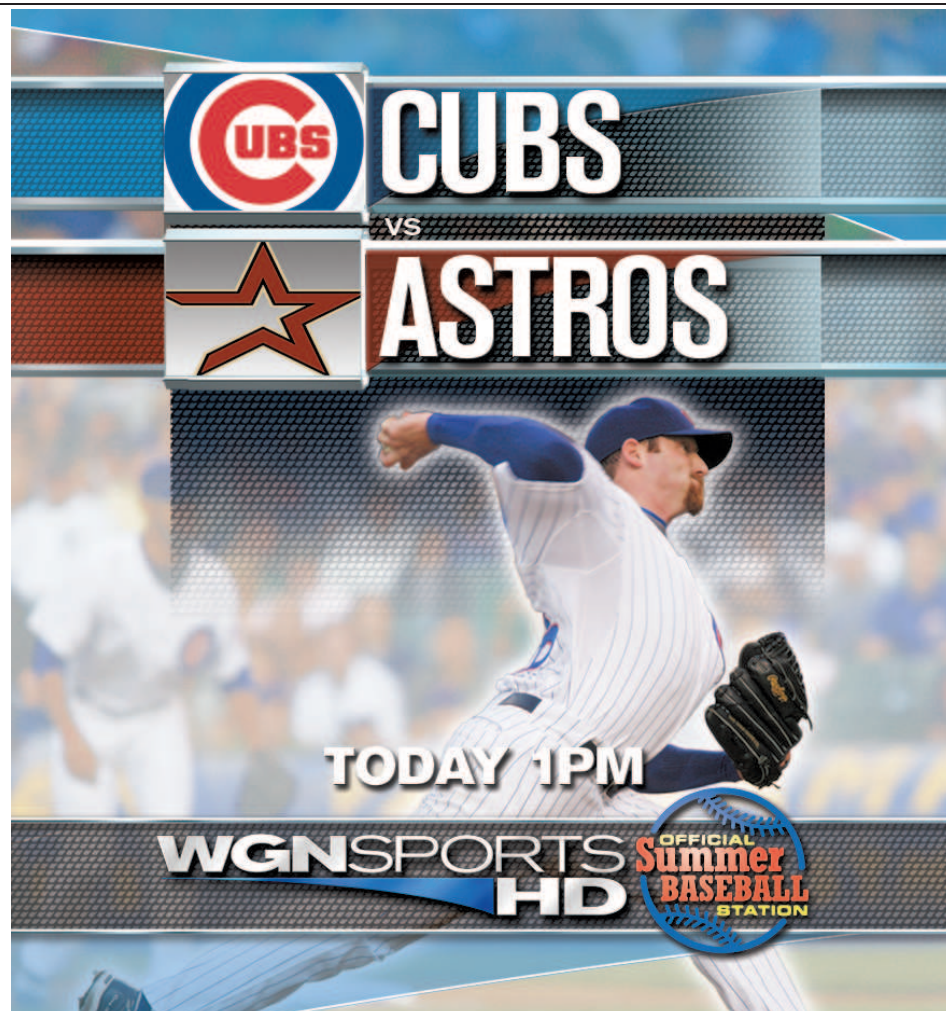
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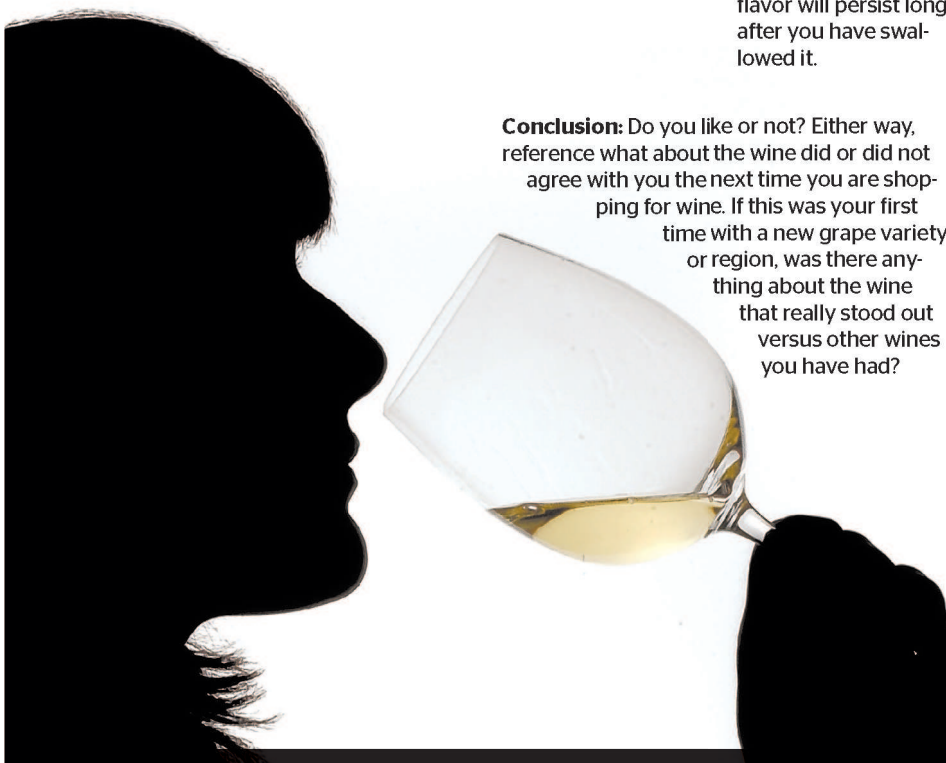
When we drink wine, say at a party or during dinner, our attention is focused on our friends, the conversation and the conviviality of the moment. Perhaps we pause to comment on the general features of the wine but we quickly return to what is most important: enjoying ourselves. Tasting, on the other hand, is much more analytical. We block out all other distractions and concentrate on the wine to break down the components and learn more about it. By following the four basic steps of tasting, you can increase your knowledge of wine and add to the enjoyment of drinking it.

**Appearance:** Tilt the glass at a 45-degree angle away from you against a white background and look at the wine's appearance. The color can give you general clues as to the age of the wine and whether it will be light or heavy in your mouth. The drips on the sides of the glass are called legs; the more legs you see, the higher the alcohol content.

**Smell:** Swirl the glass to activate the aromatic components in the wine. Stick your nose into the glass and try to describe a fruit smell (tart fruits or ripe fruits), earth smell (fresh-turned soil, mushrooms) and a wood smell (baking spice, vanilla). Don't get discouraged if you're not smelling what the other person is, as the aroma of wine is subjective.

**Taste:** Take a 1-ounce portion of wine into your mouth, roll it around and focus on how it feels and tastes. You also can enhance the flavor of the wine by drawing air in through the mouth over the wine. Describe the body, tartness level, alcohol burn, sweetness and general flavor profile. Complex wines will give you a lot more to talk about and the flavor will persist long after you have swallowed it.

**Conclusion:** Do you like or not? Either way, reference what about the wine did or did not agree with you the next time you are shopping for wine. If this was your first time with a new grape variety or region, was there anything about the wine that really stood out versus other wines you have had?



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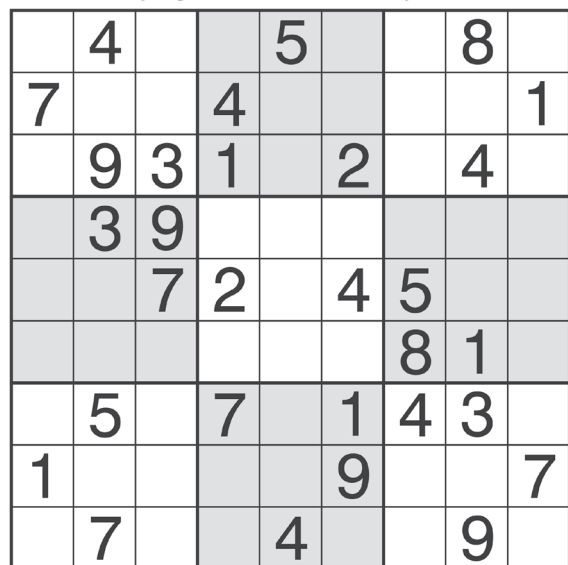


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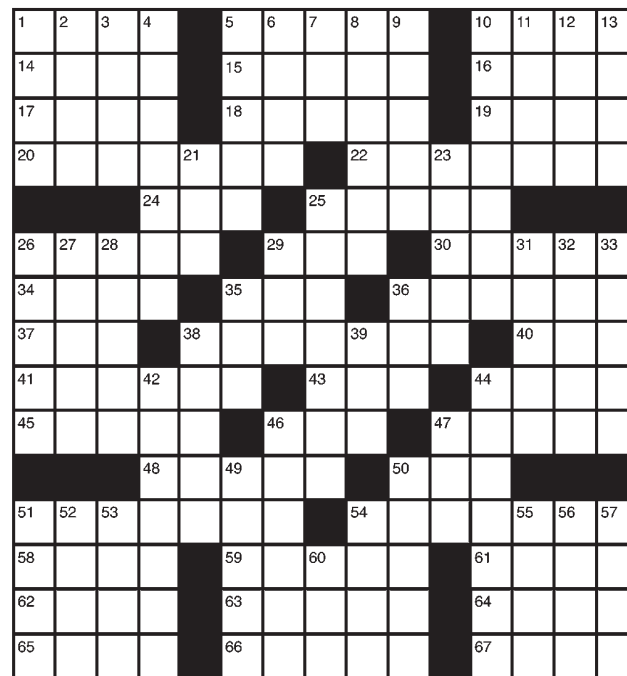
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| 4 Jumpy; fidgety    | 26 Weight revealer      | 46 Self-esteem            |
| 5 Frequently        | 27 From the 'hood       | 47 Four and six           |
| 6 Dock              | 28 Correct              | 49 Chimes                 |
| 7 Shade tree        | 29 Foot digit           | 50 _ bear;                |
| 8 Male relative     | 31 Review the books     | white-furred animal       |
| 9 _ for; allowed    | 32 Come into conflict   | 51 Puncture               |
| 10 Like knotty logs | 33 Therefore            | 52 Coffin cloth           |
| 11 Anion & cation   | 35 Yrbk. section        | 53 Public show, for short |
| 12 Destiny          | 36 Opposite of positive | 54 Short note             |
| 13 At that time     | 38 Wild                 | 55 Gather leaves          |
| 21 Possesses        | 39 Attila the _         | 56 Wicked                 |
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## KRISTIN CAVALLARI

Cavallari, who just helped wind things up on "The Hills," is in danger of showing everyone her hills on the red carpet. She looks like a high-priced Klingon call girl in that getup. Ugh.



## AMBER HEARD

I have never heard (hah!) of this woman, but [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) tells me she is an actress and was in "Zombieland," which I hear is funny. She looks lovely in this dress and her hair and makeup are great, so I included her here.

## RED CARPET REVIEW: 'SALT' PREMIERE

# Spicing up L.A.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt made a triumphant trip down the red carpet for the "Salt" premiere on Monday night in L.A. We can all breathe easier knowing our beloved, clean-faced Brad is back. While the gorgeous twosome dazzled, others had a few flaws and one reality-show vixen struck out.

By **Emily Rosenbaum**  
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## LIEV SCHREIBER AND NAOMI WATTS

Watts' new blunt bangs are killer and those shoes are to die for, but her dress is a bit shapeless and reminds me of a bubble bathroom mat I once saw at Crate and Barrel. Her partner's suit is ill-fitting and his brown shoes look like old-man loafers.



## MARY LYNN RAJSKUB AND MATTHEW ROLPH

Rajskub, who was great in "24," looks cute and sweet in this sassy dress, but clearly her husband thought it was beer-and-burgers date night. Imagine his embarrassment when he realized they would not be bowling.

## BRAD PITT AND ANGELINA JOLIE

I am not a fan of the vest-with-open-collar-shirt look. It's a bit Eurotrash, but Pitt is looking so much better these days that I won't fault him too much for the ensemble. Jolie looks glamorous and gorgeous in that sequined mini-dress.







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## Ghost-busted

Bill Murray (above) seems to believe "Ghostbusters 3" is DOA. In an interview with GQ, Murray says the writers working on the script for Harold Ramis also wrote another movie with the director, "Year One." And, well, it didn't impress. "I never went to see 'Year One,' but people who did, including other Ghostbusters, said it was one of the worst things they had ever seen in their lives," Murray said. "So that dream just vaporized."

## Can Miley Cyrus attend?

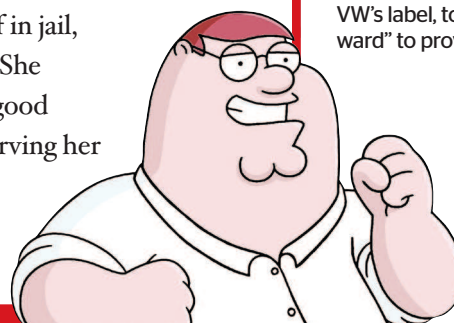
Jonah Hill will be the only person in the room not named Cyrus on Saturday. The "Cyrus" star will host a free screening of the film on the 20th Century Fox studio lot, the studio announced. The catch? You have to prove your name is Cyrus.



Lindsay Lohan arrives at the courthouse to serve her jail sentence Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

# DOIN' TIME

Lindsay Lohan is behind bars, but not for long. If LiLo behaves herself in jail, she'll serve about 14 days of her 90-day sentence, **people.com** reports. "She is scheduled to be released on Aug. 1 or 2 for overcrowding issues and good behavior," L.A. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. Lohan is serving her time alone in a 12-by-8 cell for violating probation in her DUI case.



## 'Jersey Shore' goes West

"Jersey Shore" with hard-partying, scantily clad Asians? Can the world handle that? Tyrese Gibson seems to think so, **salon.com** reports. The model/actor is producing a show called "K-Town," set in L.A.'s Koreatown, that features such people as exotic dancer Scarlet Chan, who tweets: "I love the orgies scene in 'True Blood.' I wanna hook up with a Vampire so bad." There's also an Asian Situation, or Situ-Asian, if you will. Peter Le, who runs a soft-core website, has muscles on top of muscles. MTV has not bitten—yet. Speaking of "Jersey Shore," Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino has signed on for the third season amid rumors the rest of the cast is holding out for more money.



Vampire Weekend's Ezra Koenig performs in front of the "Contra" cover. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Weekend warriors

Vampire Weekend is getting a crash course in lawsuits. The mysterious, polo-sporting blonde on the "Contra" cover has sued the band for \$2 million, claiming her signature was forged on the photo release form. Frontman Ezra Koenig talked to NME about the case: "I think I can speak for all of us and say this is the first time any of us have ever been sued, so we're still learning how it works." Reps for XL Recordings, VW's label, told "MTV News" that they "look forward" to proving they secured the photo legally.

## DIGIT

**1** That's the number of episodes on a "Family Guy" DVD that will be released in September. The episode, titled "Partial Terms of Endearment," was nixed by Fox for its treatment of abortion. The New York Times reports.



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